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H.B. No. 232

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to allowing certain minors convicted of certain alcohol offenses to perform community service instead of attending an alcohol awareness program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 106.115, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) If the defendant resides in a rural area of this state or another area of this state in which access to an alcohol awareness program is not readily available, the court shall require the defendant to perform not less than 8 or more than 12 hours of alcohol-related community service or other community service the court considers appropriate for rehabilitation purposes instead of attending the alcohol awareness program. The community service ordered under this subsection is in addition to community service ordered under Section 106.071(d).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.